Amendments to the Specification

The paragraphs starting at page 9, line 21 and ending at page 10, line 4, have been amended as follows.

In the following embodiments, a printing apparatus utilizing a <u>an</u> inkjet printing system is explained as an example.

In this specification, "print" is means not only to form significant information such as characters and graphics, but also to form, e.g., images, figures, and patterns on printing media in a broad sense, regardless of whether the information formed is significant or insignificant or whether the information formed is visualized so that a human can visually perceive it, or to process printing media.

The paragraph starting at page 11, line 22 and ending at page 12, line 8 has been amended as follows.

The mounting surface (connection surface) of the battery charger 900 to the inkjet printer 800 has a main body connector 904 for electrical connection, and fixing screws 905 and 906 for mechanical attachment and fixing. The battery charger 900 is connected to the printer main body in a direction indicated by an arrow \underline{A} in Fig. 16 to drive the printer by the battery. The top surface of the battery charger 900 has a charge

indicator 909 which indicates the charging state of the battery. The side surface of the battery charger 900 has a "CHG-DC in" jack 907 for inserting an AC adopter adapter cable serving as a power supply, and a cover plate 908 for covering the "DC in" jack 817 of the inkjet printer 800 when the battery charger 900 is attached.

The paragraph starting at page 12, line 21 and ending at line 26 has been amended as follows.

As described above, the "DC in" jack 817 of the inkjet printer 800 is covered with the cover plate 908 of the battery charger 900. In attaching the battery charger 900, the user reliably inserts the AC adopter adapter cable to the "CHG-DC in" jack 907 of the battery charger 900, thus preventing erroneous insertion.

The paragraph starting at page 14, line 7 and ending at line 15 has been amended as follows.

While the paper feeding operation is performed by rotating the pickup roller 103, a sensor 112 which detects a paper edge determines existence or absence of a paper sheet. By the detection of the sensor 112, the internal position of the paper sheet is also

controlled. The paper sheet, conveyed to the predetermined printing position by the conveyance roller 104, is conveyed also by the driving force of the discharge roller 105.

The paragraph starting at page 20, line 23 and ending at page 21, line 3 has been amended as follows.

Note that the values of the maximum distance Δ OK and minimum distance Δ OK2 between the printing surface and the discharge surface depend upon the discharge performance and mechanism of a printhead, <u>and</u> thus differ for each of the printhead and apparatus used. Since it is preferable that the values be set in accordance with the configuration of the actual apparatus, specific values are not mentioned herein.

The paragraph starting at page 24, line 12 and ending at line 19 has been amended as follows.

Reference numerals 1001, 1002 and 1003 in Fig. 10 correspond to the print scanning performed in step S803, which is not the rear end processing. Reference numeral numerals 1004 and 1005 correspond to the print scanning performed in step S807, which is executed for the rear end area 1. Reference numeral numerals 1006 and 1007 correspond

to the print scanning performed in steps S812 and S814, which are executed for the rear end area 2.

The paragraph starting at page 28, line 21 and ending at page 29, line 4 has been amended as follows.

Reference numerals 1101, 1102 and 1103 in Fig. 11 correspond to the print scanning performed in step S903, which is not the rear end processing. Reference numeral numerals 1104 and 1105 correspond to the print scanning performed in step S907, which is executed for the rear end area 1. Reference numeral numerals 1106 and 1107 correspond to the print scanning performed in step S911, which is executed for the rear end area 2. Reference numeral numerals 1108 and 1109 correspond to the print scanning performed in steps S916 and S918, which are executed for the rear end area 3.

The paragraph starting at page 34, line 7 and ending at line 11 has been amended as follows.

Example Examples of storage media that can be used for supplying the program are a floppy disk, a hard disk, an optical disk, a magneto-optical disk, a CD-ROM, a CD-R, a CD-RW, a magnetic tape, a non-volatile type memory card, a ROM, and a DVD (DVD-ROM and a DVD-R).